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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The City of Murfreesboro has been a direct recipient of a Community Development Block Grant since 1984. Funding and oversight come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City of Murfreesboro delegates programmatic responsibilities for administering the CDBG program to its Community Development Department.

The City of Murfreesboro receives CDBG funding directly from HUD. The allocation for the 2016-17 program year is \$719,401, a reduction of 3.1% from 2015-16. The City receives a share of the state's ESG allocation through Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA). The City is not a HOME participating jurisdiction so does not receive HOME funding. The HOPWA grantee for the Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin MSA is Metropolitan Housing and Development Agency (MDHA). The City is not a direct recipient of any funds covered in §91.2(b).

The Consolidated Plan is supported by a series of five Annual Action Plans. This document is the second of the five action plans.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The Second-Year Action Plan continues the City's commitment to its core housing programs: down payment assistance for first-time home buyers; owner-occupied housing rehabilitation; and acquisition of real property to be re-developed for affordable housing. The City expects to serve 19 low/mod households with these projects. Additionally, this plan allocates funds for public service grants to agencies providing services through the city; to support for fair housing activities and advocacy; and to fund projects to make ADA improvements in public facilities. ESG funds will be used to assist with emergency shelter operations and to assist with the funding of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for the Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Continuum of Care (TN-510).

3. Evaluation of past performance

Murfreesboro's allocation for funding the First-Year Action Plan was \$742,367. The City expects to meet or exceed its goals in all programs except the Affordable Housing Program. Rebounding single-family housing prices and increased demand are combining to price many low- and moderate-income first-time home buyers out of the housing market. The Second-Year Action Plan has reduced the funding in this program and added funding to the Acquisition Program targeting increasing the supply of affordable rental housing.

The First-Year Action Plan called for assisting with the rehabilitation of Bradley Academy, a city-owned facility that was formerly the City's first school for African-American elementary school students and is now a museum. After the contract was let and work began, it was discovered the contract made no provision for Davis-Bacon, so CDBG funding was pulled and re-allocated to a project which will make ADA improvements in public facilities. Engineering work for this project was done in 2015-16. The balance of the funding set aside for this project will be carried forward to 2016-17 when contracts for the work are expected to be bid.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

As required by 24 CFR 91.105, the City of Murfreesboro has adopted a Citizen Participation Plan. A copy of the plan is available for review on the City website: (<http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/16>).

The plan requires a minimum of two public hearings each year. The hearings covering the Second-Year Action Plan were held on March 3, 2016, and April 7, 2016, at Patterson Park Community Center.

Notices of the public hearings were published twice in the *Murfreesboro Post*, a newspaper of public record, posted on the City website, and publicized on the City's cable television outlet. Press releases were issued to area media outlets.

Copies of the draft 2016-2017 Second-Year Action Plan were available for review at the April 7, 2015, public hearing hard copies of the draft plans were available for review at City Hall, 111 West Vine Street, the Community Development Department, 211 Bridge Avenue, the Linebaugh Library, 105 West Vine Street, and the Myrtle Lord Branch Library at Patterson Park Community Center. Electronic copies of the plans were available for review on the City website: (www.murfreesborotn.gov).

5. Summary of public comments

One written comment was received following the March 3 public hearing. Any comments received in the 30-day public comment period following the April 7 public hearing will be inserted in Second-Year Action Plan before it is submitted to HUD for approval.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

Murfreesboro's Citizen Participation Plan requires the City to respond to comments within 15 days of receipt. The comment received after the March 3 hearing was accepted.

7. Summary

Murfreesboro's City Council has identified four building blocks to guide the City in fulfilling its mission:

- A focus on safe and livable neighborhoods
- Maintaining strong and sustainable financial and economic health

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- The delivery of excellent services with a focus on customer service and efficiency
- Engaging the community

These building blocks are completely compatible with CDBG's statutory program goals dealing with decent housing, suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities. The purpose of this plan is to articulate the City's strategy for converting a unified vision into action.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	City of Murfreesboro	Community Development Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The City of Murfreesboro delegates programmatic responsibilities for administering the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to its Community Development Department. The City is not a direct recipient of Emergency Solutions Grant funding, but does receive a portion of the State of Tennessee's ESG allocation through the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA). The City is not a designated HOME participating jurisdiction (PJ). HOPWA funds for the Nashville-Murfreesboro MSA are allocated to and disbursed by Nashville-Davidson County.

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

Murfreesboro's 2016-17 Second-Year Action Plan has been prepared by Community Development Department staff. More than 60 public- and private-sector organizations provided formal and/or informal input during the 2015-20 Consolidated Plan planning process. (A comprehensive list of these organizations is found on pp. 11-15 of the Consolidated Plan.) Organizations that participated in preparing the Second-Year Action Plan are listed below. Many of the organizations that provided input for the Consolidated Plan and the Second-Year Action Plan are long-time City partners, either as CDBG subrecipients, Emergency Solutions Grant subrecipients, or both.

The Executive Committee of the Homeless Alliance of Rutherford County (HARC), formerly the Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Homeless Task Force, provided input for the Homeless sections of this plan. The Murfreesboro Housing Authority authored the narratives and provided the data for AP-60 in the Second-Year Action Plan.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I)).

The Community Development Department, because of its own housing activities and its engagement with service providers through public service grants and HARC, serves as a liaison to bring together stakeholders with diverse interests and facilitates partnerships that might not otherwise have developed.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness

The Continuum of Care for the city is TN-510 Murfreesboro/Rutherford County. HARC is the decision-making body for the Continuum. The City is the collaborative applicant for Continuum of Care funding, assuming that responsibility in 2015 from Murfreesboro Housing Authority. The City has a permanent seat on the HARC Executive Committee held by the Mayor or the Mayor's designee. That designee is currently the Community Development Director, who also serves as the chairman of the task force Rating & Ranking Working Group. The City receives Emergency Solution Grant funds through the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) and works closely with HARC member agencies to allocate those funds.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS.

The City is an active member of HARC, the decision-making body for the Continuum of Care (CoC). The Community Development Director represents the Mayor on the HARC Executive Committee and also chairs the Rating and Ranking Working Group. The working group reviews the City's ESG allocation recommendations and is responsible for ranking CoC housing competition applications. Murfreesboro Housing Authority, which administers HMIS for the CoC, is represented on the Task Force Executive Committee by its executive director. The HARC Service Providers Working Group is responsible for developing performance standards. The Rating and Ranking Working Group evaluates outcomes.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

1	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Murfreesboro Housing Authority</p> <p>PHA</p> <p>Public Housing Needs Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>MHA participated in the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.</p>
2	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Homeless Alliance of Rutherford County (HARC)</p> <p>Planning organization</p> <p>Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>This agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.</p>
3	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity</p> <p>Housing</p> <p>Housing Need Assessment</p>

		Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Doors Of Hope, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Boys And Girls Clubs Of Rutherford County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	St. Clair Street Senior Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.

7	Agency/Group/Organization	Elders First Adult Day Services Association <i>dba</i> Mindful Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	The Journey Home, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Greenhouse Ministries
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted.	Agency provided input for the

	What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	St. Thomas - Rutherford Hospital
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Primary Care and Hope Clinic
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Murfreesboro Rescue Mission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Laotian-American Community
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization

		Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Dominion Financial Management
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Discovery Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Domestic Violence Program Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs

<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>		<p>Agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.</p>
17	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Housing Equality Alliance of Tennessee (HEAT)</p> <p>Service-Fair Housing Planning organization</p> <p>Fair Housing Education and Advocacy</p> <p>Agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.</p>
18	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Interfaith Dental Clinic of Rutherford County</p> <p>Services-Health Health Agency</p> <p>Non-Homeless Special Needs</p> <p>Agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.</p>
19	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Kymari House, Inc.</p> <p>Services-Children Services - Victims</p> <p>Non-Homeless Special Needs</p> <p>Agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.</p>

20	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Mid-Cumberland Human Resource Agency-Youth CAN</p> <p>Services-Children Services-Homeless Services-Employment</p> <p>Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs</p> <p>Agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.</p>
21	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Murfreesboro City Schools</p> <p>Services-Children Services-Homeless Services-Education</p> <p>Non-Homeless Special Needs</p> <p>Agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.</p>
22	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Room In The Inn</p> <p>Services-Homeless</p> <p>Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>Agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.</p>

23	Agency/Group/Organization	Rutherford County Schools
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Homeless Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.
24	Agency/Group/Organization	Salvation Army
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.
25	Agency/Group/Organization	Tennessee Valley Healthcare System - Alvin C. York Campus
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Other government - Federal
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.

26	Agency/Group/Organization	United Way Of Rutherford And Cannon Counties
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency provided input for the preparation of the Second-Year Action Plan.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

In preparing the Consolidated Plan, the City consulted with all agency types specified at §91.100. The Second-Year Action Plan is informed by the Consolidated Plan and those consultations, but only agencies that participated in preparing the plan are listed above.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan:

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Homeless Alliance of Rutherford County (HARC)	The City is an active member of HARC and has been a partner in developing its strategic plan. HARC's strategic plan is consistent with the Consolidated Plan.
Public Housing	Murfreesboro Housing Authority	MHA's Five-Year Plan is consistent with the Consolidated Plan.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

The City's partners in preparing this plan have also assisted by encouraging clients and customers to provide the City with their input.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

As required by 24 CFR 91.105, the City of Murfreesboro has adopted a Citizen Participation Plan. A copy of the plan is available for review on the City website (<http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/16>).

The plan requires a minimum of two public hearings each year. The hearings covering 2016-2017 Second-Year Action Plan were held on March 3, 2016, and April 7, 2016, at Patterson Park Community Center. Notice of each of these meetings was published in two issues of The (Murfreesboro) Post, a newspaper of general circulation. Notice of these hearings was also posted on the City website.

Copies of the draft 2016-17 Second-Year Action Plan were available for review at the April 7, 2016, public hearing. During the 30-day comment period which began April 8, 2015, and ended May 7, 2015, hard copies of the draft plans were available for review at City Hall, 111 West Vine Street, the Community Development Department, 211 Bridge Avenue, the Linebaugh Library, 105 West Vine Street, and the Linebaugh Library Myrtle Lord Branch at Patterson Park Community Center. Electronic copies of the plans were available for review on the City website (www.murfreesborotn.gov).

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	March 3, 2016 - Attendance - 20		N/A	
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	April 7, 2016 – Attendance - 11			

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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Ads for March 3, 2016 Public Hearing ran in The Murfreesboro Post on February 22 & 29 Ads for April 7, 2016 Public Hearing ran in The Murfreesboro Post on March 28 and April 4	None	N/A	
4	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	City website was used to post notices of Public Hearings, NOFA for Public Service Grants, copies of newspaper ads, copy of the Public Participation Plan, the Consolidated Plan, the AI and the draft Second-Year Action Plan.	None	N?A	www.murfreesborotn.gov

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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
5	City Channel 3 - cable TV	Non-targeted/broad community	City Channel 3 ran notice of public hearings on its Community Bulletin Board.	None	N/A	

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Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c) (1, 2)

1. Introduction:

The City of Murfreesboro is a CDBG entitlement community. It is not a HOME participating jurisdiction, is not a direct recipient of Emergency Solutions Grant funding, nor does it receive HOPWA funding. The City does receive ESG funding through the Tennessee Housing Development Agency. THDA has allocated \$159,366.08 to Murfreesboro for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016.

Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	Public-federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	\$719,401	\$20,000	\$255,000	\$994,401	\$2,158,203	Community Development Block Grant

Table 4 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The in-kind value of office space, utilities, demolition services and administrative support provided to the Community Development Department help leverage CDBG funds for the Rehab and Affordable Housing Programs. First-time home buyer loans require a 1% contribution from the purchaser. Agencies participating in the Acquisition of Real Property - Rental program are required to provide a 25% match for CDBG funds invested. Habitat matches the value of lots donated through the Acquisition program with the value of the new home. Public Service Grant subrecipients are required to provide a dollar-for-dollar match for CDBG funds. Matching funds can come from agency funds, in-kind contributions of goods and services, volunteer hours and/or value of donated buildings or fair value of rental/lease.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

N/A

Discussion

Public housing is the responsibility of Murfreesboro Housing Authority. A copy of MHA's most recent 5-Year and Annual Plan is available for review at its main office: 415 North Maple Street, Murfreesboro.

The City is the Collaborative Applicant for Continuum of Care TN-510 (Murfreesboro and Rutherford County). HUD has announced awards to TN-510 agencies totaling \$552,392 in its CoC housing competition.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Affordable Housing	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$110,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 10 Households Assisted
2	Housing Rehabilitation	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$299,992	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 6 Household Housing Unit
3	Acquisition	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$235,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 2 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit
4	Fair Housing	2015	2019	Fair Housing	Citywide	Fair Housing	CDBG: \$1,000	Other: 0 Other
5	Public Facilities	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Public Facilities	CDBG: \$89,529	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Persons Assisted
6	Public Service Grants	2016	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Public Services	CDBG: \$113,308	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4000 Persons Assisted
7	Administration	2015	2019	Administration	Citywide	Administration	CDBG: \$145,572	Other: 0 Other

Table 5 – Goals Summary

1	Goal Name	Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	Loans of up to \$10,000 to assist income-eligible first-time home buyers with closing costs and principal reduction. Loan due on sale.
2	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Rehabilitation or reconstruction of owner-occupied single-family residences.
3	Goal Name	Acquisition
	Goal Description	Purchase of vacant building lot - donated to Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity Assist nonprofit agencies with purchase of residential units for use as affordable rental
4	Goal Name	Fair Housing
	Goal Description	Support of fair housing activities, educational opportunities and advocacy
5	Goal Name	Public Facilities
	Goal Description	ADA improvements to city-owned facilities other than City Hall
6	Goal Name	Public Service Grants
	Goal Description	Grants to nonprofit agencies and organizations providing services to low/mod income residents of Murfreesboro
7	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	Operational expenses for the Community Development Department

Table 6 – Goal Descriptions

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b): 19

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

1. Introduction

Murfreesboro's CDBG allocation for the 2016-17 program year is \$719,401. The City estimates \$255,000 in re-programmed 2015-16 funds and \$20,000 in program will be available for CDBG-eligible activities.

The Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) has awarded the City \$159,336.08 in Emergency Solutions Grant funding. The funding will be allocated to assist in homeless shelter operations and to assist in offsetting the cost of HMIS for the Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Continuum of Care (TN-510).

#	Project Name
1	Administration/General Community Development
2	Housing - Homeowner Housing Rehab
3	Housing - Homeownership Assistance Direct
4	Housing - Acquisition of Real Property
5	Public Services - Healthcare
6	Public Services - Employment Training
7	Public Services - Abused and Neglected Children
8	Public Services - Elderly
9	Public Services - Youth Services
10	Public Services - Childcare Services
11	Public Services - Homeless Prevention
12	Public Services - Battered and Abused Spouses
13	Public Facilities
14	Administration/Fair Housing Activities

Table 7 – Project Information

2. Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Allocation priorities were set after reviewing the needs identified in the Consolidated Plan, outcomes from activities funded in the First-Year Action Plan, and consultation with stakeholders. Administration is capped at 20% of the annual CDBG allocation and program income generated in the program year. Public Services are capped at 15% of the annual CDBG allocation plus 15% of the annual allocation plus 15% of the previous year's CDBG-generated program income.

AP-38 Project Summary

1	Project Name	CDBG: Administration/General Community Development
	Target Area	Citywide
	Description	Administrative expenses including salaries and benefits, office expenses, travel and training
	Estimated Amount	CDBG: \$145,572
	Expected Resources	CDBG: \$145,572
	Annual Goals Supported	Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Priority Needs Addressed	Administration
2	Project Name	CDBG: Housing - Homeowner Housing Rehab
	Target Area	Citywide
	Description	Assistance to income-eligible households – single-family owner-occupied housing units
	Estimated Amount	CDBG: \$299,992
	Expected Resources	CDBG: \$299,992
	Annual Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Citywide
	Priority Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Planned Activities	Housing Rehab – Four components a. Major rehab or reconstruction b. Emergency repairs c. Sewer tap fee assistance d. Tree removal
	Goal Outcome Indicator	Homeowner housing rehabilitated: 6 household housing units
3	Project Name	CDBG: Housing - Homeownership Assistance Direct
	Target Area	Citywide
	Description	Direct assistance to income-eligible first-time homebuyers
	Estimated Amount	CDBG: \$110,000
	Expected Resources	CDBG: \$110,000
	Annual Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Target Area	Citywide
	Priority Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Planned Activities	No-interest, no-payment loans (due on sale) of up to \$10,000 to assist with closing costs and principal reduction
	Goal Outcome Indicator	Direct financial assistance to homebuyers: 12 Households Assisted

4	Project Name	CDBG: Housing - Acquisition of Real Property
	Target Area	Citywide
	Description	Purchase of vacant building lots or existing housing stock for donation or sale to nonprofit agencies that will create affordable housing
	Estimated Amount	CDBG: \$235,000
	Expected Resources	CDBG: \$235,000
	Annual Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Target Area	Citywide
	Priority Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Planned Activities	Acquisition – Two Components a. Purchase of vacant building lots – donated to Habitat for Humanity for construction of owner-occupied affordable housing b. Purchase of existing homes – sold to nonprofits to be used for rental housing affordable for very-low-income households
	Goal Outcome Indicator	Homeowner housing created: 1 household housing unit Other: Rental units created: 2 household housing units

5	Project Name	CDBG: Public Services -Healthcare
	Target Area	Citywide
	Description	Public service activities
	Estimated Amount	CDBG: \$26,224
	Expected Resources	CDBG: \$26,224
	Annual Goals Supported	Public services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Priority Needs Addressed	Public services
	Planned Activities	Primary Care – HOPE II Clinic - \$16,244 Interfaith Dental - \$10,000
	Goal Outcome Indicator	Public service activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit: 950 Persons Assisted

6	Project Name	CDBG: Public Services -Employment Training
	Target Area	Citywide
	Description	Public service activities
	Estimated Amount	CDBG: \$22,000
	Expected Resources	CDBG: \$22,000
	Annual Goals Supported	Public services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Priority Needs Addressed	Public services
	Planned Activities	Youth Can! (Mid-Cumberland Human Resource Agency - \$14,000 The Journey Home - \$8,000
	Goal Outcome Indicator	Public service activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit: 102 Persons Assisted

7	Project Name	CDBG: Public Services - Abused and Neglected Children
	Target Area	Citywide
	Description	Public service activities
	Estimated Amount	CDBG: \$11,000
	Expected Resources	CDBG: \$11,000
	Annual Goals Supported	Public services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Priority Needs Addressed	Public services
	Planned Activities	Kymari House - \$11,000
	Goal Outcome Indicator	Public service activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit: 150 Persons Assisted

8	Project Name	CDBG: Public Services - Elderly
	Target Area	Citywide
	Description	Public service activities
	Estimated Amount	CDBG: \$17,934
	Expected Resources	CDBG: \$17,934
	Annual Goals Supported	Public services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Priority Needs Addressed	Public services
	Planned Activities	St. Clair Senior Center - \$6,000 Mindful Care - \$6,000 Lutheran Services of Tennessee - \$5,934
	Goal Outcome Indicator	Public service activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit: 125 Persons Assisted

9	Project Name	CDBG: Public Services - Youth Services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Description	Public service activities
	Estimated Amount	CDBG: \$8,650
	Expected Resources	CDBG: \$8,650
	Annual Goals Supported	Public services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Priority Needs Addressed	Public services
	Planned Activities	Boys & Girls Clubs of Rutherford County - \$7,500 Discovery Center - \$1,150
	Goal Outcome Indicator	Public service activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit: 120 Persons Assisted

10	Project Name	CDBG: Public Services - Childcare Services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Description	Public service activities
	Estimated Amount	CDBG: \$7,500
	Expected Resources	CDBG: \$7,500
	Annual Goals Supported	Public services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Priority Needs Addressed	Public services
	Planned Activities	The Family Center - \$7,500
	Goal Outcome Indicator	Public service activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit: 165 Persons Assisted

11	Project Name	CDBG: Public Services - Homeless Prevention
	Target Area	Citywide
	Description	Public service activities
	Estimated Amount	CDBG: \$10,500
	Expected Resources	CDBG: \$10,500
	Annual Goals Supported	Public services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Priority Needs Addressed	Public services
	Planned Activities	Doors of Hope - \$10,500
	Goal Outcome Indicator	Public service activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit: 55 Persons Assisted

12	Project Name	CDBG: Public Services - Battered and Abused Spouses
	Target Area	Citywide
	Description	Public service activities
	Estimated Amount	CDBG: \$9,500
	Expected Resources	CDBG: \$9,500
	Annual Goals Supported	Public services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Priority Needs Addressed	Public services
	Planned Activities	Domestic Violence Program - \$9,500
	Goal Outcome Indicator	Public service activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit: 275 Persons Assisted

13	Project Name	Public Facilities
	Target Area	Citywide
	Description	Improvements to City-owned facilities other than City Hall
	Estimated Amount	CDBG: \$89,529
	Expected Resources	CDBG: \$89,529
	Annual Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Target Area	Citywide
	Priority Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Planned Activities	Support of Fair Housing educational opportunities
	Goal Outcome Indicator	ADA improvements to City-owned facilities other than City Hall

14	Project Name	Administration/Fair Housing Activities
	Target Area	Citywide
	Description	Fair housing activities
	Estimated Amount	CDBG: \$1,000
	Expected Resources	CDBG: \$1,000
	Annual Goals Supported	Fair Housing
	Target Area	Citywide
	Priority Needs Addressed	Fair Housing
	Planned Activities	Support of Fair Housing educational opportunities

Table 8 – Project Summary

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

1. Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Although Community Development Block Group regulations allow grantees to target specific areas, the City of Murfreesboro chooses to use its funding citywide. This has been the City's policy since becoming a CDBG entitlement more than 30 years ago. In a survey of housing needs conducted in conjunction with the 2015-20 Consolidated Plan, more than 90% of survey respondents endorsed the City's policy to not target specific neighborhoods or census tracts.

2. Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	100%

Table 9 - Geographic Distribution

3. Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Investments through the City's Affordable Housing Assistance Program (first-time homebuyer assistance) and Housing Rehabilitation Program are driven by demand, rather than geography. Nevertheless, income caps for both programs, the availability of affordable housing stock for sale and the age of homes needing rehabilitation and neighborhood demographics tend to focus investments in the City's core census tracts: 414.01, 414.02, 414.03, 416, 417, 418, 419 and 421.

4. Discussion

Murfreesboro is committed to creating a better lifestyle for all its citizens. When the City allocates its CDBG dollars, this commitment is concentrated on its low- and moderate-income residents. An estimated 49.6% of the city's households have an income \leq 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) and qualify as low- and moderate-income under HUD guidelines and 17.8 percent (up from 17.4 percent a year ago) of individuals fall below the poverty rate. Because these residents are found throughout the city, the City has chosen to target people and households rather than specific areas.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

1. Introduction

The City uses CDBG funds for three Affordable Housing programs:

Housing Rehab – Four components

1. Major rehab or reconstruction
2. Emergency repairs
3. Sewer tap fee assistance
4. Tree removal

Affordable Housing – Assistance to first-time homebuyers

Acquisition – Two Components

1. Purchase of vacant building lots – donated to Habitat for Humanity for construction of owner-occupied affordable housing
2. Purchase of existing homes – sold to nonprofits to be used for rental housing affordable for very-low-income households

Three nonprofit agencies have applied to the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) for Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) to fund projects for Rapid Re-Housing of homeless households and prevention services for households at risk of becoming homeless. The City plans to use an ESG allocation from THDA to fund shelter operations and HMIS.

HUD grantees use Continuum of Care housing funds to provide permanent housing, permanent supportive housing and transitional housing.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	
Non-Homeless	19
Special-Needs	
Total	19

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	
The Production of New Units	1
Rehab of Existing Units	6
Acquisition of Existing Units	12
Total	19

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

2. Discussion

Housing rehabilitation of owner-occupied single-family homes and assistance to first-time home buyers have been core programs almost since the beginning of Murfreesboro's participation in the CDBG program in 1984. The Housing Needs Survey conducted in conjunction with the preparation of the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan supports their continuance as core programs.

The Habitat component of the Acquisition Program has been part of the program for at least a decade. The rental component, which is modeled after the City's very successful Neighborhood Stabilization Program in 2009-2010, was added for the 2015-16 program year in response to the need for affordable rental property demonstrated in the Consolidated Plan.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Public housing in Murfreesboro is the responsibility of the Murfreesboro Housing Authority (MHA). HUD requires that all Public Housing Authorities complete/submit specific agency plan components and requirements on an annual basis and a Five-Year/Annual Agency Plan every five years. The primary focus of this Annual Agency Plan is to address proposed development plans, administration policies changes, and capital improvements for the next five years (2016-2020).

MHA completed its FY 2016 Annual Agency Plan in consultation with the MHA Resident Advisory Board, MHA residents and the local community, and submitted it to HUD on January 16, 2016. Copies of that plan are available for review at MHA's office, 415 North Maple Street, Murfreesboro, TN 37130.

1. Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

MHA's major physical improvements proposed for FY 2016 include:

Demolition of 140 dwelling units and buildings at its Franklin Heights site. HUD has already formally approved the proposed demolition. MHA is also considering the disposition of the Franklin Heights property. Proceeds for disposition of property will be used to purchase additional dwelling units and future development activities. As of January 16, 2016, MHA had received all but 26 of the total 140 Housing Choice Vouchers granted by HUD to provide replacement housing opportunities. MHA anticipated receipt of the remaining 26 vouchers in early 2016.

MHA proposes to update its current ACOP and lease documents as necessary to reflect changes in definitions to homeless and family, flat rents and any other HUD-mandated changes.

2. Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The five-member MHA Resident Advisory Board meets regularly to provide input to MHA's staff and Board of Commissioners. A resident serves with full standing on the Board of Commissioners.

Homeownership programs have been offered and have had several residents participate. MHA requires participants to provide a minimum of 1% of the purchase price of the home

and that the first mortgage holder be a federally regulated financial institution. Using CDBG funds, Murfreesboro's Community Development Department offers MHA program participants a three-year forgivable loan of up to \$4,000 to cover closing costs.

3. If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

Murfreesboro Housing Authority is not designated as troubled.

4. Discussion

The mission of MHA is to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing in good repair for eligible families in a manner that promotes serviceability, economy, efficiency and stability of the developments; and to utilize all available resources to maximize the social and economic opportunities of its residents.

MHA's FY2016 Annual Plan lists the following inventory:

- 336 Public Housing Units
- 593 Housing Choice vouchers
- 67 VASH vouchers
- 142 Tenant Protection vouchers (136 from Franklin Heights, 6 from Maury County)
- 44 Supportive housing vouchers (Continuum of Care funding)

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

Homeless services in Murfreesboro are provided primarily by agencies and organizations affiliated with the Homeless Alliance of Rutherford County (HARC), formerly the Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Homeless Task Force, a 501(c)3 corporation that serves as the deliberative body for the Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Continuum of Care (TN-510). HARC bylaws provide permanent membership on the organization's Executive Committee to the City and Murfreesboro Housing Authority. The City became the collaborative applicant for HUD's Continuum of Care housing program in 2015.

Murfreesboro is not a direct recipient of Emergency Solutions Grant funding, but does receive an annual ESG allocation through the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA). The City's allocation for PY2016-17 is \$159,366.08, a decrease of \$64,872 (28.9%). Three local nonprofits have applied directly to THDA for funding to cover rapid re-housing projects within the TN-510 service area. Whether these applications will be funded is unknown as this is written.

THDA has announced that beginning July 1, 2017, it will no longer set aside ESG funds for CDBG entitlement cities that are not direct ESG recipients. THDA's application for a substantial amendment to the State's Consolidated Plan indicates all state ESG funds will be awarded competitively, including to agencies in jurisdictions that also receives direct ESG funding.

HUD has announced Continuum of Care housing project Tier 1 awards of \$552,392 for local agencies. If HUD makes no Tier 2 awards to TN-510, four projects funded in PY2015-16 – including the Homeless Management Information System renewal – would no longer be funded.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including:

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs;

Task Force member agencies have established the following goals for PY2016-17:

- Develop an integrated service-delivery system to provide housing and services for those who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless;
- To prevent involuntary homelessness with a range of "housing-focused" solutions (accompanied by supportive services) ranging from emergency shelter housing to affordable home ownership;
- Develop, maintain, and publicize a network of services for those who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless; and

- Educate and engage the community to enrich their understanding of the homelessness and make people aware of the services that our community provides to the homeless (and ways they can help).

The City will provide ESG funding to Murfreesboro Housing Authority (\$4,000) to assist with the cost of operating the Continuum's Homeless Management Information System.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons;

Using ESG funds, the City will assist with shelter operation funds for Room in the Inn, The Salvation Army, Domestic Violence Program and The Journey Home's Coldest Nights program. Greenhouse Ministries receives Continuum of Care funds for a transitional housing program. These agencies will be required to apply directly to THDA for this assistance beginning with PY2017-18.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again;

Three agencies – Doors of Hope, The Journey Home and Domestic Violence Program – have applied to THDA for ESG funds to assist with rapid re-housing services. Whether – and to what extent – THDA will fund these applications is not known.

The Tennessee Valley Healthcare System offers several programs to assist homeless and displaced veterans including Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH), a long-term intensive case management program for homeless veterans. Eligible Veterans receive housing choice vouchers allocated specifically to veterans. This voucher is used to subsidize the cost of housing based on the veteran's income. Veterans receive direct and indirect assistance with case management services, such as life skill training, advocacy, clinical assessment and referrals, support and linkage to and coordination with community providers and/or resources. Murfreesboro Housing Authority partners with TVHS to administer 67 VASH vouchers for use in Rutherford County.

Murfreesboro Housing Authority administers 54 special purpose vouchers for the disabled. Funding for this program comes through HUD's Continuum of Care housing program for permanent supportive housing (formerly known as Shelter + Care). The Guidance Center is MHA's partner in this project and provides support services to voucher holders.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care

(such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The City provides Public Service Grant funding to a number of agencies that assist households facing the challenges. Doors of Hope assists individuals who are being released from correctional facilities and their families. The Family Center's Positive Parenting program has a component for parents who are incarcerated. The Hope II Clinic and Interfaith Dental provide medical and dental services to uninsured low-income persons, including many who have been discharged from other facilities.

Community Helpers, a nonprofit that serves indigent residents of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County, uses non-federal funds to assist households that could without that assistance become homeless.

Discussion

The City is an active supporter of HUD initiatives to end homelessness, including ending chronic homelessness, veteran homeless and family homelessness. Mayor Shane McFarland signed on to HUD's Mayor's Challenge to End Veterans Homelessness and results of the 2016 Point in Time Count suggest that all veterans in Murfreesboro and Rutherford County who wish to be housed were housed on the night of the count.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

Undeveloped property in the City's historic core is scarce and conditions in some neighborhoods discourage redevelopment. The local chapter of Habitat for Humanity is always in the market to buy lots that are vacant or occupied by substandard buildings. Funding is the major limiting factor for Habitat. The City expects to assist Habitat in acquiring one vacant lot at a cost of \$26,000. Habitat plans to build a new home on the property.

Another factor which puts pressure on affordability is the presence of Middle Tennessee State University. With almost 26,000 students, MTSU is now the largest undergraduate institution of higher learning in the state, larger even than the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Campus housing can accommodate only a small percentage of the students who need local housing. The demand these students have for rental housing is a significant factor in setting the market. Of the 889 permits for multi-family housing issued in 2013, 336 (38%) were for units built for marketing primarily to students.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment:

The Tennessee Municipal League, of which the City is a member, continues to work with the Tennessee Legislature to seek avenues for ameliorating the effects of Public Chapter 707. As a member of the Tennessee Affordable Housing Coalition, the City has met with members of the Legislature to support changes to state law that would level the playing field for LIHTC developers.

Discussion:

The City offers a Sewer Tap Assistance Program through the Community Development Department to assist income-eligible homeowners with the cost of connecting to the city sewer. The City is currently preparing a new Comprehensive Plan (completion expected in 2016) which will, among many other issues, visit zoning ordinances and land use controls. The Community Development Department has been actively working with the Comprehensive Plan consultants to advocate for affordable housing.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

1. Introduction

For the 2016-2017 program year, the City of Murfreesboro will use available Community Development Block Grant funds and Emergency Solutions Grant funds to address issues related to affordable housing (including evaluating and reducing lead-based paint hazards), reducing the level of homeless and poverty-level families, while continuing to build relations within the community that can lead to bringing non-federal resources to the table to help address underserved needs in Murfreesboro. In the **Discussion** section below, the City details its fair housing plans for the next year.

2. Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

As part of the consultation process for the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan, the City conducted a number of surveys and worked with various stakeholders to identify underserved needs in the community. Services for the homelessness were identified as underserved needs and the City's plans to address these needs are identified in AP-65. Other underserved needs identified include services for youth and elderly. The City will address these needs to the extent possible using public service grants.

3. Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will continue its commitment to its core affordable housing programs: owner-occupied housing rehabilitation; direct assistance to first-time homebuyers; and acquisition of real property, including assisting Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity with the purchase of a vacant building lot on which to construct a unit of affordable owner-occupied housing and assisting two nonprofit agencies with the purchase of housing units that will be affordable rental housing for households with incomes at or below 50% of AMI.

4. Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

According to the Tennessee Department of Health, in 2007, the most recent data available, .2% of children in Rutherford County suffer from the effects of lead poisoning. The rate for the state as a whole is .3%. The Rutherford County Health Department tests all children who come in for services at age 1 and age 2. This is also common practice for most pediatricians in Murfreesboro. The health department does follow up testing if elevated blood lead levels are detected for its own patients and for those of any provider who requests such assistance. The state has a specialist who contacts parents of children who have a high blood lead levels to provide counseling. This counseling may include home visits to inspect for specific conditions which may be affecting the child.

All applicants for both the Housing Rehabilitation Program and the Affordable Housing Program receive a copy of the booklet *The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right*. A

pdf. version of this booklet is available on the City's website through a link from the Community Development page.

When the owner-occupant of a pre-1978 house applies for the Housing Rehabilitation Program, the Community Development Department orders a lead assessment and risk analysis at no cost to the applicant. Homeowners receive a copy of the report. Any lead issues identified during testing are noted in work write-ups and addressed during the construction phase of the project. Following completion of the project, lead clearance testing is done. Any deficiencies noted in the clearance testing process must be addressed by the contractor, who is responsible for the cost of any required re-testing.

Prior to approving any Affordable Housing Program loans on pre-1978 homes, a lead-based paint visual inspection is conducted. If paint disturbance is noted, a full lead assessment and risk analysis is conducted. Copies of the report are given to both the buyer and seller. If lead-based paint hazards are noted, the City requires repairs to be completed and a clearance issued before closing our loan.

5. Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The Department will continue its relationship with Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity. The City expects to help the local Habitat chapter acquire a piece of property in Census Tract 419 or Census Tract 421. The City will also assist two nonprofit agencies with the purchase residential units that will be used as affordable rental housing for households with incomes below 50% of AMI.

6. Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Murfreesboro, through its Community Development Department, is the lead entity for implementing the 2016-17 Second-Year Action Plan. The Department works closely with other departments in City government, particularly Building & Codes, Finance, Planning & Engineering, Parks & Recreation, Police, Transit and Cable Television. The Street Department and Solid Waste Department are responsible for demolishing the houses selected for reconstruction. Rutherford County waives the tipping fee at its demolition landfill. The Community Development Department works closely with the Murfreesboro Housing Authority on several projects, including CADCOR and R-Connect.

The City is a founding member of the Homeless Alliance of Rutherford County (HARC) and the Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Continuum of Care (TN-510). The City is the Collaborative Applicant for HUD's Continuum of Care homeless grants. The Community Development Director represents the Mayor on the HARC Executive Committee. The City receives an ESG grant from the Tennessee Housing Development Agency.

The Department has several partnerships with Middle Tennessee State University, including the Center for Historic Preservation, the Office of Cultural Diversity, the Jennings A. Jones College of Business, the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences and the Department of Engineering Technology. The Department continues to seek additional partnerships with the university.

In addition to its partnerships with public service subrecipients, the Department also has strong working relationships with community organizations such as the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Rutherford and Cannon County, Community Helpers of Rutherford County, Main Street and the Lon Nuell Literacy Center.

7. Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The Murfreesboro Community Development Department will continue to be an active participant in the Homeless Alliance of Rutherford County, the Housing Equality Alliance of Tennessee and the Tennessee Affordable Housing Coalition. Additionally, the Department will work with its public service subrecipients to encourage and coordinate partnerships between these agencies and organizations, as well as seeking out new partners. The City will continue to partner with the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce to recruit and retain jobs for its residents.

8. Discussion

Because the longstanding policy of the City of Murfreesboro is to affirmatively further fair housing, the City is actively engaged in activities which promote fair housing and which facilitate handling of complaints when they arise.

Murfreesboro's *Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice 2010* (http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/uploadedFiles/government/Community_Development/Fair_Housing/Murfreesboro%20TN%20AI%202010%20Final%20Report.pdf) has been recognized nationally for its excellence. Chapter 5 of the AI identifies impediments and offers recommendations that have become the City's road map for action. In conjunction with approving the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan, the City Council reaffirmed its support of the 2010 AI and approved a Supplement updating all tables and figures with the most recent data available. This research is shared with other City departments, the city and county school systems, the Murfreesboro Housing Authority, the local real estate community and the local property management association to help inform housing-related policy decisions. A copy of the 2015 Supplement is available for review on the City website (<http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2268>).

The City is a founding member of the Housing Equality Alliance of Tennessee (HEAT) which was established as a nonprofit corporation in December 2013 for the purpose of promoting equal housing opportunity throughout Tennessee. The organization formalizes a coalition of agencies that have sponsored the statewide Fair Housing Matters Conference held each April for the last decade. Sharing the City's commitment to housing equality, the Murfreesboro-based Middle Tennessee Association of REALTORS is also founding member of HEAT. The Department promotes the conference locally with both mailings and through the City website. The city's subrecipients, particularly those involved in housing-related activities, are encouraged to attend. Staff members from the City's Legal, Planning, Administration and Community Development departments also attend the conference.

The Community Development Department has arranged for interpreters to assist with fair housing educational activities, questions and complaints from the Hispanic and Laotian communities.

The Fair Housing logo is used on all Community Development Department-generated literature for public distribution. All applicants for the City's Housing Rehabilitation and Affordable Housing programs receive the booklet *Fair Housing: Equal Opportunity for All*. It is also available on the City website (www.murfreesborotn.gov). The City updates the Fair Housing contents of the City website regularly.

City TV, the City's government access channel has several spots promoting fair housing which are in the regular rotation for Public Service Announcements. The City Hall phone messaging system for callers being transferred or who are on hold notifies callers with fair housing questions or complaints to the Community Development Department.

The City distributes materials from the National Fair Housing Alliance throughout the community to help educate the public about recognizing and reporting housing discrimination. City staff regularly reviews housing-related advertising in local media including *The Daily News Journal* and *Murfreesboro Post* to insure fair housing compliance from both the publishers and those offering housing in the ads.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

The City of Murfreesboro typically re-programs program income generated through CDBG activities in the year in which it is received. The City does not have a Section 108 loan, does not have float-funded activities, nor does it have funds from urban renewal settlements.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan.	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
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Discussion

The three years used to determine the minimum benefit are 2014, 2015 and 2016.



City of Murfreesboro Grantee Certifications

☐ This certification does not apply.

☒ This certification is applicable.

Non-State Government Certifications

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

Drug Free Workplace -- It will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about –
 - a. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - b. The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - c. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - d. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph 1;
4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph 1 that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will –
 - a. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - b. Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b), with respect to any employee who is so convicted –
 - a. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - b. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

8. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
9. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
10. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.



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Signature/Authorized Official

Date

Shane McFarland

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Mayor

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PO Box 1139

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Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

11. Maximum Feasible Priority - With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);
12. Overall Benefit - The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2014, 2015, 2016, (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
13. Special Assessments - It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

14. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

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15. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R, of title 24;

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.



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Appendix To Certifications

Instructions Concerning Lobbying and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Drug-Free Workplace Certification

1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification.
2. The certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, HUD, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
3. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
4. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio stations).
5. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph three).
6. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant: Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)
Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here. The certification with regard to the drug-free workplace is required by 24 CFR part 21.

Place Name	Street	City	County	State	Zip
Community Development Dept.	211 Bridge Ave.	Murfreesboro	Rutherford	TN	37130

7. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules: "Controlled substance" means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15); "Conviction" means a finding of guilt (including a plea of *nolo contendere*) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes; "Criminal drug statute" means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance; "Employee" means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including:
 - a. All "direct charge" employees;
 - b. all "indirect charge" employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and
 - c. temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent

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contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Note that by signing these certifications, certain documents must be completed, in use, and on file for verification. These documents include:

1. Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing
2. Citizen Participation Plan
3. Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan



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SF 424

May 13, 2016	B-16-MC-47-0009	Type of Submission	
Date Received by state	State Identifier	Application	Pre-application
Date Received by HUD	62-600374	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Non Construction
Applicant Information			
City of Murfreesboro, Tennessee		TN471362 MURFREESBORO	
211 Bridge Avenue		89553861	
P.O Box 1139		Municipal	
Murfreesboro	Tennessee	Community Development Department	
37133-1139	U.S.A.		
Employer Identification Number (EIN): 62-600374		Rutherford County	
		Program Start Date 07/16	
Applicant Type:		Specify Other Type if necessary:	
Local Government: City			
Program Funding		U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	
Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers; Descriptive Title of Applicant Project(s); Areas Affected by Project(s) (cities, Counties, localities etc.); Estimated Funding			
Community Development Block Grant		14.218 Entitlement Grant	
CDBG Project Titles Direct Home Ownership; Housing Rehabilitation; Acquisition; Infrastructure; Homeless; Home Buyer Counseling; Literacy; Senior Services; Youth Services; Health Services; Abused and Neglected Children; Employment Training; Administration; Administration-Fair Housing		Description of Areas Affected by CDBG Project(s) – City of Murfreesboro, TN	
\$719,401.00 CDBG Grant Amount	\$255,000 Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe CDBG Carry-forward from FY15	
Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		Additional State Funds Leveraged	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
\$20,000 Anticipated Program Income		Other (Describe) -	
Total Funds Leveraged for CDBG-based Project(s)			
Home Investment Partnerships Program		14.239 HOME - N/A	
HOME Project Titles		Description of Areas Affected by HOME Project(s)	
\$HOME Grant Amount	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	

\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
\$Anticipated Program Income		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for HOME-based Project(s)			
Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS		14.241 HOPWA - N/A	
HOPWA Project Titles		Description of Areas Affected by HOPWA Project(s)	
\$HOPWA Grant Amount	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
\$Anticipated Program Income		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for HOPWA-based Project(s)			
Emergency Solutions Grant Program		14.231 ESG – N/A	
ESG Project Titles		Description of Areas Affected by ESG Project(s)	
\$ESG Grant Amount	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
\$Anticipated Program Income		Other (Describe) \$159,366.08 – ESG grant from Tennessee Housing Development Agency	
Total Funds Leveraged for ESG-based Project(s)			
Congressional Districts of:		Is application subject to review by state Executive Order 12372 Process?	
Tennessee – Fourth	Tennessee - Fourth		
Is the applicant delinquent on any federal debt? If "Yes" please include an additional document explaining the situation.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	This application was made available to the state EO 12372 process for review on DATE
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Program is not covered by EO 12372
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Program has not been selected by the state for review
Person to be contacted regarding this application			
John	H.	Callow	
Community Development Director	615-890-4660 (Phone)	615-217-2260 (Fax)	
jcallow@murfreesborotn.gov	www.murfreesborotn.gov	Other Contact	
Signature of Authorized Representative			Date Signed
			5/5/16

Summary of Public Comment



Protect Children. Empower Parents.

March 29, 2016

John Callow
Director, Community Development Department
211 Bridge Avenue, P.O. Box 1139
Murfreesboro, TN 37133-1139

Dear John,

I wanted to write to offer my comments during the FY2017 Public Service Grants application period.

Thank you for hosting the CDBG public hearing on March 3. As always, it was a great presentation. I appreciate learning about the funding priorities and about how funding has been used in the past, as well as plans for the future.

We also appreciated The Consolidated Plan that you published earlier this year and all the hard work that went into preparing that document. The information on housing and non-housing issues in Murfreesboro was very helpful.

As a child abuse prevention agency, we were very interested to see that non-housing survey respondents ranked abused and neglected children as one of the top two public services needs in the jurisdiction. Abused and neglected children and homeless programs and services were ranked as the highest priority by 63% of respondents.

We continue to see child abuse and neglect as a need in Murfreesboro. The parents we serve had childhoods riddled with trauma and are often incarcerated or involved with the legal system as a result of the extreme adversity they faced growing up. Sadly, they are repeating behaviors they grew up with and often unintentionally continue the cycle of abuse and neglect with their own children.

We appreciate the support of CDBG funds to help break this cycle of abuse. As we partner with parents and empower them to develop safe, stable and nurturing relationships with their children, we notice our parents begin to hope for the first time that life can be different.

Thank you for believing in this work. We look forward to a continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Laurie Hoffma
Senior Development Manager

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John Callow

From: Janet Arning <jarning1st@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2016 9:05 AM
To: John Callow
Subject: Re: City of Murfreesboro Public Service Grant

John,

Thank you so much for all your support for our garden program. We are fast at work getting ready for our big Plant & Soil Day(s) on April 23rd and 30th in Murfreesboro and it has been so great to be able to expand this rapidly in Murfreesboro. It took us 3-4 years to get to this level in Nashville and your funding enabled us not only to continue what we started last year but to triple our efforts by offering gardens to 20 families living in poverty. All these families are excited to get started and we are thrilled to partner with you in this endeavor! We are so excited to be able to continue this program next year with your support!!

Thanks so much John!!
Blessing,
Janet

On Tue, Apr 5, 2016 at 2:38 PM, John Callow <jcallow@murfreesborotn.gov> wrote:

Thank you for submitting an application for funding to the City of Murfreesboro's Public Service Grant program. The Community Development Department is recommending funding of your agency's proposed project.

We received applications from 17 agencies requesting a total of \$179,774. Unfortunately, because HUD's Community Development Block Grant regulations cap public service funding, the City had only \$113,308 available for awards.

I have attached a worksheet listing the scoring criteria for applications, your agency's score and a table listing the scores for all 17 applications and the funding recommendations that will be included in the 2016-17 Second-Year Action Plan.

The Community Development Department will be conducting a public hearing on the draft action plan from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 7, 2016, in the Dining Room at Patterson Park Community Center.

John Callow